

## Interim Groups Investigate 401 Proposed Bills

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68th District Assemblyman

It looks as though the Assembly interim committees will have their work cut out for them between now and the 1961 session. A record total of 340 bills were sent by the 1959 session to the rules committee for reassignment to an interim group. On additional 61 Assembly measures were referred by the Senate to its interim committees for study.

As was expected, the Assembly followed its previous practice by designating its regular standing committees to act dur-

ing the interim period. Using one multipurpose resolution for the task, instead of a separate one for each group, the Assembly established twenty-four groups to carry its investigations of more important problems for the next two years.

Like the Senate, which cut the number of interim committees to thirteen and imposed other restrictions on them in the interest of economy, the Assembly also acted to control the expenditures of its fact-finding groups. It lumped all amounts of their expenses into

one item, and cut the total for all twenty-five percent below the amount spent during the 1957-59 interim.

THE NUMBER of joint interim committees, on which members of both houses serve, was also reduced considerably. Many of these were created in 1957 to carry out special projects, and the legislation resulting from their studies went through the mill during the 1959 session. Several others were consolidated into one joint interim group to deal with legislative organization.

The 340 items to be studied cover a wide range of topics. Some of them are topics which proved to be knotty problems when first brought up, so more time is required to work out details of acceptable legislation. Others proved to be controversial for one reason or another, so time is needed to work out appropriate compromises on their provisions.

To pick out only a few items as examples, here are some of the matters which Assembly committees will be taking up during the months to come:

FIRST is one which is intended to reduce the cost of civil suits, and end long delays in closing them. As introduced, it would authorize the judges

## Union Carbide Employees Get Savings Checks

A cash distribution of \$264,478 under an employee savings plan in which the Company adds as much as 30 percent of the employees' savings was made today to more than 270 employees of the Torrance plant of Union Carbide Chemicals Co.

Employees saved \$211,755 of their own money through this plan during the last two years and the Company added \$52,723. Throughout the country employees of Union Carbide Chemicals Corporation received more than \$60,750, 465. Union Carbide Chemicals Co. is a division of Union Carbide.

Under this plan, employees set aside up to 7 1/2 per cent of their earnings and the Company adds 10, 20 or 30 per cent to this depending on whether the employee has one, two, or three or more years of company service.

The plan contains provisions for short-term savings and long-range investments or a combination of both. This flexibility, which is one of the outstanding features of the plan, permits employees to set aside cash for distribution every two years and also provides the choice of long-range investment in either U. S. Savings Bonds or Union Carbide stock. Savings plans were made available to Union Carbide employees as early as 1935.



READY FOR NEW JOBS . . . Recently installed officers of the Shoestring Strip Advisory Committee which meets at Normandale playground the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., are: left to right, front row, Mary Mercer, publicity chairman; Billy Pesce, secretary; Lloyd Menev, president of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission, guests at the installation dinner; Brenda Fryback, vice president; Una Rusk, hospitality chairman; and Herman Eisenbeiss, retiring chairman. Back row, Dr. Eldon Spires, harbor commissioner, also a guest; George Mercer, president; Councilman John S. Gibson; Harold T. Unander, director, and Judson Bowers, auditor.

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of any county superior court to permit pretrial conferences between opposing interests in any such suit at which the matters at issue might be decided.

Another would have required narcotics offenders when released from imprisonment or fined to register with local police authorities in their places of residence.

A third would require the state to pay part of local costs for providing certain types of protective services to young children.

ANOTHER would revise and broaden the law which prohibits state and local officials from having any interest in contracts let by the public agencies with which they are connected.

A fifth would extend the protection of law to those who purchase service warranties or contracts on household appliances and other similar property. It would subject the sellers of such warranties or contracts to supervision by the insurance commissioner and require deposits from them to assure performance of the warranties.

The last would prohibit the sale of gasoline or diesel fuel containing more than a specified amount of contaminants such as sulfur or acid.

From this brief review, it appears the Assembly interim groups will be pretty busy during the coming months.

GRAPEFRUIT HUB  
MIAMI — About 90 percent of the world's total grapefruit crop is grown in the U.S.

SEASIDE ADULTS Study Teaching Bible at Home  
"Responsibility of the Temple" will be the topic discussed by Rev. William K. Schatz at worship services to be held at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Seaside Community United Church of Christ, 230th and Ocean Ave.

Preceding the sermon, church school will take place at 9:20 a.m. An adult class aimed at parents who desire instruction on how to teach the Bible in the home will also take place at 9:20 a.m.



GETS MUSIC DEGREE . . . Receiving his B.A. in music at recent commencement exercises at Whittier College was John R. Bowen, a graduate of Torrance High School, class of '52. The Air Force veteran will do graduate work at Long Beach State College this fall. Among those participating in the commencement was Vice-President Richard Nixon. (Photo Arts photo)

## Cheaper to Convert Sea Water Than Import Fresh, Says Chapel

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL  
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Many areas of the United States, including Southern California, will soon find it less expensive to convert sea water into fresh water than to transport fresh water over great distances to areas of fresh water shortage. Chemically and physically, it is a simple process to convert sea water to fresh water right now, but it is still comparatively expensive. Conversion costs, however, are becoming smaller while the costs of pumping freshwater from one place to another are increasing daily.

In a few parts of the United States, it is already cheaper to convert sea water to fresh water than it is to develop new sources of freshwater.

THE SALINE Water Div. of the U. S. Dept. of the Interior reported recently that the consumption of water per person has increased from a rate of 530 gallons per day in 1930 to 1600 gallons per person per day in 1959. These figures seem fantastic but it must be realized that this includes not only drinking water, bathing water, and cooking water, but also the water needed for agriculture and industry.

Furthermore, the population of the United States is increasing so fast that by 1980 there will be 200 million people in the United States and the consumption of fresh water will be twice what it is today.

IN SOME sections of the United States, the best present solution of the water problem is a more intelligent use of fresh water now available, but in Southern California we must look to the ocean for water within the next twelve to fifteen years, even if the California Water Plan, sometimes erroneously called the Feather River Project, is adopted into law.

In 1952, it cost \$5 per thousand gallons to convert sea water into fresh water, but it now costs only \$1 per thousand gallons.

Brackish water is saltish water, or salt in a moderate degree, such as water in salty (saline) soil, which is nauseous and distasteful for drinking purposes. Brackish water can be converted at a cost of 30

per thousand gallons. This is important because there is in California a vast amount of brackish water which can be converted into fresh water.

I RECENTLY received a request for an opinion regarding the practice of hiring aged persons to manage apartments. The following is an Opinion which I received from the Office of Legislative Counsel regarding Apartment House Managers—their File #17918:

"Dear Mr. Chapel:

You have submitted to us a letter from one of your constituents in which he states that apartment house owners have engaged in the practice of hiring aged persons to manage their establishments at very low salaries plus a small apartment. His main objection appears to be that such compensation is inadequate for the services rendered.

"You ask whether there is anything that can be done to correct the problem mentioned by your constituent.

"The laws of this State do not contain any provision prescribing a minimum wage for general application to all private employment. Section 1182 of the Labor Code provides only that the Industrial Welfare Commission may fix . . . A minimum wage to be paid to women and minors engaged in any occupation, trade, or industry in this State, which shall not be less than a wage adequate to supply the necessary costs of proper living to, and maintain the health and welfare of such women and minors . . . The wage so fixed is the legal minimum wage for such women and minors, and the payment of a smaller wage is unlawful (Lab. C., Sec. 1197).

"Even with respect to women, however, the wage orders of the Commission exempt from the minimum wage established women employed in administrative, executive, or professional capacities (Cal. Adm. C. Sec. 11040-11180, 11310-11460).

"In view of the foregoing there would appear to be nothing in the existing statute which would prevent an apartment house owner from employing a couple at a very low wage to manage his establishment. It follows therefore that legislation would be required if it is desired to prevent such practice.

"Very truly yours,  
Ralph N. Kleps  
By  
Edward K. Purcell (Signed Deputy Legislative Counsel

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FRESNO — Lemons actually contain more sugar than either peaches or watermelons.